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what it does is...I'm repeating myself, but it allows the Department of Roads to have jurisdiction over the cities where it does not have this now. And it's very simple, no opposition to it. Department of Roads is willing to do this. And I would ask that we could return the bill to Select File for this specific amendment. Thank you.

SENATOR Dw. PEDERSEN: Thank you, Senator Baker. Senator Bromm.

SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you, Mr. President. Senator Engel asked if I would have any objection to this amendment. And I looked at the bill and at the committee hearing information. Also, am familiar, from years past, with the problem of municipalities or small towns not having really any way to deal sometimes with the problems that could come up with railroad crossings. They were left with the practical problem of how do they put pressure on the railroad to do something. And about the only thing they could do was to write letters to the railroad to try to, in some cases, even, contact their state legislator to try to put pressure. But they didn't have any mechanism through the Department of Roads to get any assistance with that. And you can have some very dangerous crossings develop, where they deteriorate and become extremely rough. And as people are approaching town, before they've completely slowed d.wn, they hit those crossings. So I think this is a worthwhile measure. I support the amendment, certainly, and would encourage the body to adopt it. Thank you.

SENATOR Dw. PEDERSEN: Thank you, Senator Bromm. Seeing no further lights, Senator Baker to close, please. Senator Baker waives close. The motion before the body is to return LB 259 to Select File for specific amendment. All those in favor vote aye; all those opposed vote nay. Have you all voted? Mr. Clerk, would you record, please.

CLERK: 35 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the motion to return the bill.

SENATOR Dw. PEDERSEN: The motion prevails. Senator Baker, would you introduce the bill...your amendment, please?